

COTTON PROBLEM CRUX OF FINANCIAL SITUATION

Conferences Between American and English Treasury Representatives Begin at Washington.

MAY HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECT

In Search of Satisfactory Solution of Proposed Loan Fund Plan—Question of Reopening London and New York Exchanges to Be Considered.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Sir George Paish, special adviser to the English Chancellor of the Exchequer, Basil B. Blackett, of the English Treasury, Secretary McAdoo and the Federal Reserve Board to-day began a series of conferences here which are expected to have an important effect on financial conditions in Great Britain and the United States. Restored normal conditions in foreign exchange dealings between the two countries is the object of the meeting, and they probably will have a direct influence on the disposition of the South's cotton crop.

It became known to-night that officials of the American government feel keenly that cotton is the crux of a situation which has many ramifications, and that the success of plans to care for the surplus and on the willingness of manufacturers to buy cotton depend the value of Sir George's visit.

It is probable that before Sir George leaves here the question of reopening of the London and New York Stock Exchanges will be considered. It was predicted here to-night that the London exchange would reopen shortly with the British government urging that London brokers do not call loans immediately. If the London market is not greatly affected, its reopening will be followed by the reopening of the New York exchange.

SEEKING FOR SOLUTION OF COTTON LOAN PLAN

So much depends on the cotton problem that there probably will be no normal conditions in foreign exchange of the board, which is handling the proposed \$150,000,000 cotton loan fund plan, has found a satisfactory solution. The committee, Secretary McAdoo, Paul M. Warburg, and J. G. Harbord, returned to-day from New York, where it had been at work since Saturday, in an effort to convince New York bankers of the feasibility and soundness of plans for the fund.

The New York bankers promised to put up one-third of the loan fund, but prescribed conditions it was discovered could not legally be met. The reserve board members proposed different conditions, and as a further inducement offered to let the Northern section of the United States put up \$3 to every \$1 put up by Southern bankers, but the understanding that the Northern banks would have a prior lien for their money.

Under this tentative plan, Southern banks would have actual management of the fund, the whole, however, to be under supervision of the reserve board. Other conditions as to interest rate and price of cotton were said to be left unchanged.

This counter-plan has not been passed on finally, but every opportunity will be taken to expedite its consideration, so that the board may begin discussion of international problems with Sir George and Mr. Blackett.

AT PRESENT COTTON CROP

OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

The cotton crop is of first importance in the conference, because on the United States has relied in past years to cancel the larger part of its foreign indebtedness.

Mr. George is known to hold that English manufacturers do not wish to buy cotton now unless they are satisfied it has reached the bottom price.

American manufacturers, according to information available at the Treasury Department, apparently feel the same way, and little cotton is being sold. With the \$150,000,000 loan fund in operation, it is argued that millions of bales will be sold of this market and a direct and stimulating effect will be felt, both here and in England. With cotton moving again across the Atlantic, the indebtedness of the United States to England would be increased rapidly and materially, and conditions here would improve in consequence.

It was said to-night that cotton exchanges probably would open shortly if arguments made here prevailed. One difficulty is the fact that there are no quotations on which the factor or the manufacturer can base offers.

The question of opening London and New York exchanges probably will be taken up later at conferences with New York bankers. Secretary McAdoo to-night, said that representatives of leading banking houses in New York will be "invited" to these conferences.

VICTORIOUS REBELS OCCUPY CAPE HAITIEN

American Marines From Warships In Harbor Landed in Control of Situation

CAPE HAITIEN, Haiti, October 19.—The latest development in the Haitian revolution is the occupation of Cape Haitien by the victorious rebels. They entered the town to-day.

American marines from the warships in the harbor, have been landed and are in control of the situation.

The rebels entered in an orderly manner and there have been no excesses.

The ministry of President Zamore, realizing that it was not in a position to control the situation, left Cape Haitien to-day on the dispatch boat, Pequigne. The entry into Cape Haitien followed the recent rebel victory on the north coast near Limonade, after which, the president retreated in the direction of Grand Riviere and other government forces withdrew toward Cape Haitien.

LITTLE IMPORTANCE ATTACHES TO INCIDENT

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Little is known here of the revolutionary troubles in Northern Haiti. Commander Twining, of the gunboat Tacoma reported to the Navy Department to-day that he had landed marines for protection of American interests, but gave no details. As the Tacoma is a small marine guard it is certain the landing party could not have been large. Officials here are inclined to attach little importance to the incident.

BODY OF MURDER VICTIM FOUND IN WOODS BY BOYS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., October 19.—The police have been unable to solve the mysterious murder of a foreign workman, who was found lying in the woods near Danville, by two young boys on Saturday evening. A week ago last Saturday the same lads saw the body, but believing it to be a drunken man, they did not approach it, but told their father of seeing him there. The boys, again passing through the same strip of woods, were horrified to see the same body, and they hastened home and notified the police. A physician examined the man, and found the man's jaw had been fractured and the side of his head battered in. He was stabbed in the heart and stomach. Near him lay his hat, pipe and an empty pocketbook.

VILLA PLEDGES SUPPORT TO ACTS OF CONVENTION

Informa State Department He Will Be Bound by Government Set Up by Aguascalientes Conference.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—General Villa has informed the United States that unless something unforeseen occurs hostilities in Mexico are at an end, and that he will support any provisional government set up by the national convention at Aguascalientes. Villa said he would not accept Carranza as Provisional President, but was satisfied he would not be chosen. It generally is understood Carranza does not desire to be Provisional President, wishing to be free to enter the presidential race at the succeeding election. Latest State Department reports describe the visit of General Villa to the convention at Aguascalientes. He said he came to pledge by oath his support to the acts of the convention, so that no one ever could say he was not bound by the convention. General Villa was warmly received with applause. Villa embraced General Obregon over whom his break with Carranza occurred. He then wrote his name on a Mexican flag, and kissed the banner.

American Consular Agent Carothers reported that Villa's visit has produced profound impression on the delegates. His pledge is taken to mean he has withdrawn his original demand that no military man be given the provisional presidency. The prevalent belief here is that General Antonio Villarreal will be selected.

Annals and Battery. William Konegay, colored, was yesterday fined \$50 and costs in the Police Court on a charge of larceny and battery committed against Mattie Ward.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—Black Patti Musical Comedy. Lucille La Verne Company in "The Dawn of a To-Morrow," matinee and night. Empire—Lucille La Verne Company in "The Conspiracy," matinee and night. Biltmore—The Mischief Makers, burlesque, matinee and night.

SEDLBY BROWN OFFERS JUST about the most startling and welcome surprise of the theatrical season was offered by the Lucille La Verne Company last night in its performance of "The Conspiracy" at the Empire Theatre. For evening, the performance of Miss La Verne's company has been throughout its season, those of us who remember last night's performance will find it a masterpiece of dramatic performance in that thrilling comedy-melodrama were unable to imagine how any stock company could not include within its ranks a mature character actor of long experience could possibly perform "The Conspiracy" even creditably.

But, as appeared last night, the lack of imagination was due to the lack of knowledge as to the ability of one member of the company—Sedley Brown, Jr. In part of the utmost trickiness, requiring rapid speaking and a constantly sustained manner and tone foreign to the man, Mr. Brown's performance last night was a masterpiece, merely as a feat of memory. But, far more than that, his characterization of the old novelist-detective was a masterpiece of dramatic performance, and a characterization, as opposed to a simple reading of the lines and a bare observation of the business of the part, and so completely entered into and expressed its spirit—was so fine an achievement of sheer acting, a work of art that it will remain in my memory for a long time as an illustration of the power of a man to create a convincing character of a man, who was also charged with the full direction of the performance, and on the opening night of a week of stock.

Miss Blakeney, who is presumably an ingenue—certainly an ingenue in its literal sense, and a very charming one on the stage—is intrusted with a much heavier part than is usually assigned to so young a woman and so young an actor, and the play is made up of a creditably making the character of the girl hunted both by the police and the members of a secret band of criminals, very real and very appealing. With a lovely voice and clear-cut method of enunciation added to her attractive personality, Miss Blakeney should go far.

Mr. Arnold was not thoroughly up to his part last night and his work suffered in consequence. Miss La Verne, with commendable lack of vanity, assumes the part of a negro servant, which she presents with such skill and humor as a few women of our stage, and Miss Fitzpatrick, as a Spanish woman, gives far and away the best performance that she has offered during the season.

The play has been fully described in these columns on more than one occasion, so that it is necessary only to say that it is one of the most gripping and intense of all the modern plays, while the ingenuity with which its plot is developed makes it unique as a drama of crime and detection, and paradoxical as it may seem, "The Conspiracy" also abounds in comedy—laughter and relief are not alternated, but literally intermingled.

"The Conspiracy" is a success, and Sedley Brown is its surprise.

Douglas Gordon.

Lyric's Two Feature Acts.

Two of the acts on the Lyric's bill for the first part of this week have the other three playing the picture, "The Man Who Sings," and, in passing, the Hearst-Selig Pictorial is even more interesting than usual, on account of the number of war pictures shown.

Fritz Bruch and Sister, playing the "cello and violin" present one of the two star acts. They play, it may be, a little too well to make a tremendous popular hit, though their act was warmly applauded yesterday afternoon. The man's cello playing, in particular, is a character rarely heard in a vaudeville house.

Gertie Vanderbilt and Frank Clemons, in an entirely new sort of act, are the only rivals of the Bruch team on the bill. Miss Vanderbilt is a certain amount of a vaudeville star, but Mr. Clemons is a good singer, a clever comedian and all sorts of a dancer. They have three or four new and bright songs, and, together with altogether, their act is the bill-topper.

Zena and Hattie Morn open the bill in a variety of dances—there is, undoubtedly, considerable variety in their turn. John T. Ray and Grace Hilliard present their more or less familiar skit, "Hello Lily," which amused the audience yesterday afternoon, and the bill closes with the Curzon Sisters in an exhibition of what the announcer at the State Fair called "dental aviation."

D. G.

Colonial and Bijou Reviewed To-Morrow. "The Dawn of a To-Morrow," as played by the Grayce Scott company at the Colonial, and "The Mischief Makers," at the Bijou, will be reviewed in this column to-morrow.

Black Patti To-Night. An entirely new sort of act is being presented by Harrison Stewart as co-star, and surrounded with what is said to be a sprightly troupe of singers, dancers and comedians, Silvestre Jones, who has become famous as the Black Music to-night in the musical comedy, Patti, will appear at the Academy of "Lucky Sam From Alabama."

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INTERESTING PAPERS READ

Elaborate Entertainment Program Prepared for Visitors by City Sunday Schools Hold Monthly Meetings—Sister and Brother Die.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., October 19.—The thirteenth annual session of the Association of Seaboard Air Line Railway Surgeons was called to order this morning at 10 o'clock in the convention hall of the Stratford Hotel, in this city, by Chief Surgeon Joseph M. Burke, of Petersburg. About 100 surgeons were in attendance, many of them accompanied by their families.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Father Martin J. Hater, of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Governor Stuart, who was expected to welcome the association to Virginia, sent a letter expressing regret that because of other important engagements he was unable to be present. On behalf of the city the visitors were welcomed by President William E. Poole, of the Montgomery, Ala., and W. C. Powell, of Petersburg, who was appointed to decide as to the merits of the papers. Surgeon E. P. Lacy, of Bessemer, Ala., read a paper on "The Treatment of Burns," which was interestingly discussed by a number of members. Surgeon Thomas H. Hancock, of Atlanta, presented a paper on "Hip Joint Amputation," which also elicited discussion.

The association adjourned to partake of a luncheon given by Mrs. Dr. J. M. Burke, and this afternoon the members and their families were given an automobile ride by the Chamber of Commerce to the battlefield and other historic points around the city. At beautiful old Blanford church, now a Confederate mortuary chapel, an address of historical interest was delivered by Professor A. K. Davis. To-night at the Stratford Hotel the surgeons, their families and guests partook of a banquet given by the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company.

Methodist Sunday School Union.

The Methodist Sunday School Union Association held its monthly meeting yesterday afternoon with the church at Matoaca. All the eight schools were represented, and submitted monthly reports, as follows:

School.	Reg.	Average.	Atten.	P.C.
High Street.....	445	337	76	
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Matoaca.....	198	129	43	
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Totals.....	2,227	1,663	72	

Total collection, \$234.33. Washington Street school was awarded the distinction of honor for making the best percent (.85) for the month, which was considered very good, considering the fact of rain on one or two Sundays.

Episcopal Sunday Schools.

A union meeting of the Episcopal Sunday schools was held yesterday afternoon at the Church of the Good Shepherd. This union is not formally organized like those of the other denominations, but it was decided to hold quarterly meetings hereafter, form an

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organization, and have regular records of reports and proceedings. There was a large attendance at the meeting yesterday, and a fine program, especially to teachers and scholars, was delivered by the Rev. Thomas Semmes, of Richmond. Brief talks were made by the superintendents of the several schools, who gave encouraging reports of the condition and growth of the schools.

Sister and Brother Die Same Day.

Mention was made in The Times-Dispatch of the death on Sunday morning, at her home in Ettrick, of Mrs. Eliza V. James, wife of George N. James. A few hours later, about noon of the same day, a brother of Mrs. James, William Henry James, aged sixty-six years, a well-known carpenter, died at his home in Ettrick. Mr. James survived by seven children—four sons and three daughters. Sybil, of New Richmond; H. Neilham, of Norfolk; Charles H. Mammie A. Lucy M. and Emma E. James, all of Ettrick.

To Attend Reunion.

A large delegation, representing A. P. Hill Camps of Veterans and Sons of Veterans, will leave to-morrow morning from Newport News to attend the Confederate reunion. A. P. Hill Camp of Veterans, will leave in a body for Newport News Thursday morning to participate in the parade. They will go via Richmond.

Persons and Otherwise.

Eugene H. Cummings and Miss Mary L. Nugent, both of Prince George County, were married in the parlors of the St. James Hotel, Washington, on Saturday evening. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nugent, of Petersburg. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hoy, of Brown Station. Mrs. Walker Dinwiddie, of Charlottesville, is spending a few days, visiting her daughter, Mrs. William J. Buchanan, on West Washington Street.

In two days last week, in the upper part of Chesterfield County, a hunting party killed five fine deer.

Aloysius Blaha, a respected farmer of Dinwiddie, died this morning at his home in that county. He was about fifty-five years old and is survived by his wife and several children.

Arvin-Hawthorn.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., October 19.—On Sunday afternoon at the parlors of the Arlington Hotel, Mrs. Louise Hawthorn, of Gary, Va., and Thomas J. Arvin, Jr., of Meherin, Va., were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Professor Ralph L. Records, of Pennsylvania University at Lexington, Ky., former dean of the Virginia Christian College, of which the bride is a graduate.

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The New York's special agent, Judge Bruce, who to-day attended a luncheon given in his honor by former President Taft.

THAW CASE SET FOR HEARING

Advanced by United States Supreme Court to December 7.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—The United States Supreme Court to-day advanced the hearing of the Harry K. Thaw extradition case to December 7. This early hearing was granted upon representations made by William T. Jefferson, Thaw's special counsel, that the delay in the case was a "scandal to the State of New York."

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COLONEL IN CRITICISM OF MURPHY AND BARNES

Declares They Are in Absolute and Unchecked Control of Organizations of Both Parties.

CHICAGO, October 19.—"You couldn't get a sheet of tissue paper between them," said Colonel Theodore Roosevelt here to-night, speaking of William Barnes and Charles F. Murphy, Republicans and Democrats, respectively, in New York State. "And evidently conditions here are not materially different from those they are in my own State," the Colonel declared. Colonel Roosevelt's speech wound up a two-day trip in Illinois, the interests of Progressive candidates. He attacked bi-partisan politics, and the records of Roger Sullivan and Lawrence Y. Sherman, Republican and Democratic candidates for Senator from Illinois. Raymond Robins, the Progressive candidate, he said, had passed a life of service to his fellow citizens. Turning to New York politics, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"In Illinois, as in New York, both of the old parties represent privilege in its most offensive form—both political and industrial. In New York, Murphy is in absolute and unchecked control of the Democratic organization, and has nominated whoever he saw fit. Barnes is in similar control of the Republican organization."

A certain section of Wall Street extremists always have demanded for big business complete immunity from control and regulation, and secretly big business men of this type are unquestionably supporting the leaders now dominant in both the Democratic and Republican parties for the sake of securing such immunity."

Illinois Progressives, with his approval, Colonel Roosevelt said, had declined offers to enter a deal with Sherman for a junction with Republicans and former Republicans, by which Sanders would have been chosen to the United States Senate in 1912, when finally Mr. Sherman and Colonel James Hamilton Lewis were elected.

WANTS TRAGEDY PROBED

Judge Ascertains Death Caused by Hazing in Act of Murder.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., October 19.—Asserting that the death of Cadet William R. Bowles, of Middletown, Md., as a result of a hazing escapade at St. John's College here on May 26, was an act of murder, Judge Bruce, charging the Anne Arundel County grand jury to-day, urged that the tragedy be probed.

The five freshmen held responsible for Bowles' death are: George H. Weaver, New York; Henry L. Valdes, Havana, Cuba; Fendall Marbury, Baltimore; R. A. Jones, Cambridge, Md.; and John M. Noble, Preston, Md.

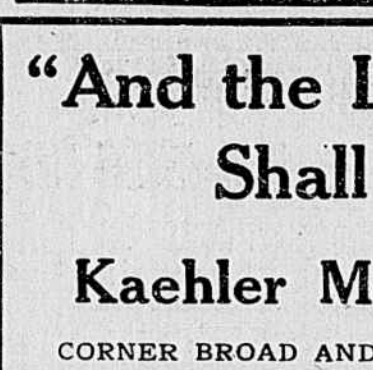
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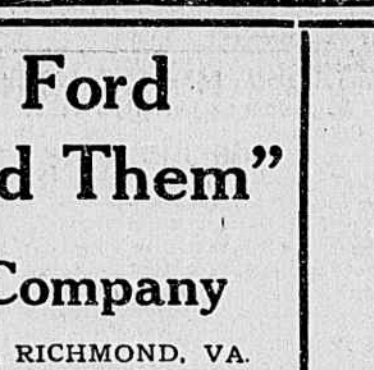
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